

2021 Jubilee - Celebrating 70

First Profession—8/2/1951

Sister Martha Ann Schaefer, SSND

Sister Martha Ann was born in Belleville, Illinois, and in 1951, made first profession in St. Louis. Her first teaching ministries were at St. Francis Solanus, Quincy, Illinois, where she taught from 1951 to 1955, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Mobile, Alabama, where she taught until 1958. She next went to California, teaching at St. Jude Academy, San Diego, and St. Helen, Fresno. From 1966 to 1972, she taught at two schools in Missouri: St. Joseph, Kimmswick, and St. Peter, St. Charles. During this time, Sister Martha Ann received a bachelor's degree in American studies from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis. Starting in 1972, she taught at St. Teresa, Belleville, Illinois, for two years. From the mid-1970s to the early 1980s, she served as director of religious education at Sacred Heart, Dupou, Illinois; St. Joseph, Lebanon, Illinois; and St. John the Baptist, Burlington, Iowa. In 1978, she received a master's degree in theology from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, Rockport, Indiana. From 1982 to 1989, Sister Martha Ann served in pastoral ministry and as director of religious education for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Herrin, Illinois, and St. Joseph, Marion, Illinois. After taking a sabbatical in 1990, she served at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, Effingham, Illinois, and St. Joseph Hospital, Highland, Illinois, in pastoral care and at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, Illinois, as chaplain. From 2004 to 2009, she served in bereavement ministry and as a hospice volunteer at various locations in Belleville. Since 2009, Sister Martha Ann has served in prayer and presence and currently resides at Anna House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri.



A memory I have to share...

God let me share in His work of caring and loving His “little ones” as teacher, mother and friend. I was moved to serve the sick and dying and enriched as I joyfully ministered to the suffering until my own retirement.

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